



MONTEREY NEWS

JANUARY 1991



TOWN NEWS

For the second year, the Selectmen are sponsoring a Christmas Tree Bonfire at Greene Park on Saturday, January 12. The bonfire is part of a "Twelfth Night" celebration, which will include a party for children at the Town Hall at 5:00 p.m. Trees are to be brought to Greene Park between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m., when the grand bonfire will be lit. Last year, the Selectmen initiated a successful return to this old Monterey tradition, and they are planning on a large turnout this year.

The Board of Selectmen met with the Highway Department Superintendent Don Amstead and crew members William Bynack, Peter LePrevost and Steven Funk on November 19 to discuss concerns about liability insurance. The current liability insurance does not cover felony liability, and such coverage is not available. Department members pointed out that a "frivolous" felony suit had already been brought against one Highway Department member involving a snow-plowing incident last winter. They expressed a great deal of concern about the possibility of additional suits being brought against individual crew members. It was unanimously voted by the Board to convene a Special Town Meeting to present the issue of the lack of insurance liability coverage for town employees, officials and agents who, in the performance of their duties, are victimized by a felony suit deemed frivolous by the Selectmen. The intention of the Selectmen was to ask the town to establish a fund that would pay legal expenses for a town employee in this situation. However, at a later date, Town Counsel advised that a special legal fund could not be set up in advance and that each case must be addressed separately.

Stefan Grotz, representing Maureen Bradley of Blue Hill Road, met with the Selectmen. Mr. Grotz asked the Board to sign a waiver on the town's right of first refusal on the sale of a two-acre lot located on Blue Hill Road. The Selectmen voted not to exercise the town's option, and signed the waiver.

In another matter, Stefan Grotz, as chairman of the Cable T.V. Advisory Committee, updated the Selectmen

on the status of Amrac's provisional cable television license. The appeal of Upward Technology was dismissed by the Cable T.V. Commission on October 25, 1990, and Amrac was proceeding with the details of cable installation. At this point, however, the project is stalled due to Amrac's inability to get financing from the financially troubled Bank of New England.

Town Counsel Hugh Cowhig has reported back to the Selectmen regarding the rejection of the Building Permit



SUSAN MCALLESTER

Application of Stephen Kwass for extensive alterations to his Point Road, Lake Garfield, home. Architect Bob McMahon contested the rejection, stating that since the non-conforming nature of the structure is not increased, it is a permitted use under under Massachusetts General Law. Town Counsel stated that Monterey bylaws supercede state laws and that the matter should be taken to the Board of Appeals. In other news from Town Counsel, the Selectmen announced at the December meeting that the Berkshire County Superior Court has issued a judgment in favor of the town regarding Arthur J. and Sandra B. Susser vs. Board of Health of the Town of Monterey. The action, entered by the Sussers, sought to place a bathroom in their boathouse on Lake Garfield. The court found that the the decision of the Board of Health to disapprove the application of a disposal works construction permit was supported by the facts and in accordance with the law.

A general business permit was issued to Bob Hebert for the operation of Hebert Equipment Sales at his Tyringham Road Residence. The permitted usage is the sale of construction equipment and collector's automobiles. There is a restriction that vehicles are not to be on open display.

Estimates for the painting of the interior of the Town Hall were opened during the December 3 meeting, with Eric Pedersen and Jay Amidon submitting estimates. Eric Pedersen had the lower estimate at \$750 and was awarded the job.

The Selectmen appointed Michael Leining as the Alternate Inspector of Wires for the town. Rob Claussen is the official Inspector of Wires, and Mr. Leining will be available in his absence. The Selectmen also appointed Raymond W. Tryon to the Roads and Machinery Committee for a term ending June 30, 1991.

The following building permit applications were approved: Steven M. Butensky of New York, N.Y., for the construction of a garage at his Beartown Mountain Road property, submitted by the architect Dutch Allen; Tom and Barbara Haver of Upper Montclair, New Jersey, for house repair due to storm damage, submitted by the contractor Ned Baldwin.

— Maggie Leonard



PLANNING BOARD NEWS

The Planning Board held its regular meeting on Thursday, December 13, with members Joyce Scheffey, Elk Dempsey, Bob Thieriot, and Chairman Joe Baker present.

Mike Parsons of Kelly, Granger, Parsons & Associates presented the Board with a survey plan for the Ravine Falls Trust property, which is a conservation easement located on New Marlboro Road. Mr. Parsons was accompanied by Lou Scheffey, who is a member of the trust. The plan showed three lots surveyed which have existing structures on them. Lot #1 has 2.01 acres (with 1.64 in Monterey and .37 in New Marlboro), lot #2 has 2.291 acres, and lot #3 has 4.154 acres; all lots have adequate road frontage. The plan was approved and signed by the Board.

The Planning Board spent most of the meeting reviewing various ideas and parameters for a possible sign bylaw. Bob Thieriot outlined the different types of signs, current sign regulations, and some ideas about how signs might be regulated. He suggested that signs should be directional as opposed to promotional and "billboard-like". Elk Dempsey presented the Board with a letter he composed for the *Monterey News* in which he stresses the importance of public input on this matter. All Planning Board members strongly agreed on this point and to this end they have scheduled a public meeting for Thursday, January 24, at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. This meeting will be devoted to discussion about the various types of signs and how they might be regulated. The Board hopes to get input from all citizens in order to assemble a bylaw that reflects the needs and addresses the concerns of the people of Monterey.

— Maggie Leonard



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LIBRARY FILM SERIES

Once again this year, the Monterey Library will present free movies at the library on the last two Saturday evenings in January and the first two Saturday evenings in February. Popcorn and apple juice will be available at a nominal cost.

Each program includes a short subject and a feature-length film. We have chosen movies which are suitable for all ages, so bring the whole family!

January 19 — 7:30 p.m., Library basement

The Mouse That Roared (1958) Peter Sellers, Jean Seberg, Leo McKern. In this British movie, a tiny European nation devises a foolproof method of filling its depleted treasury. It declares war on the United States, then loses and collects war reparations from the generous Americans.

Short: *Goose Girl* (1984) A young girl, accompanied by her mother's maid, sets off for a distant land to be wed. Along the way, she is overpowered and forced to trade places with the servant. Ultimately, the awful secret is revealed and the girl is justly restored to her rightful place.

January 26 — same time, same place

The Hound of the Baskervilles (1939) Basil Rathbone, Nigel Bruce. This was the first Sherlock Holmes movie and thus marked the debut of Rathbone as Holmes and Bruce as Watson. In Arthur Conan Doyle's story, Holmes and Watson are called upon by Henry Baskerville to save him from a curse—in the form of a hound from hell—that has plagued his family for centuries.

Short: *Harry the Dirty Dog* (1987) Harry, a white dog with black spots, enjoys life. He loves to play in sprinklers, climb trees, and do tricks. He detests baths. One day, Harry dashes away from his bath and runs away to explore the city. His day-long adventures take him on a ride on a garbage truck, a visit to a dairy farm, and right in the way of two feuding housepainters—where Harry ends up a black dog with an occasional white spot! Live action adaptation of Gene Zion's picture book story.

February 2 — same time, same place

The Adventures of Tom Sawyer (1938) Tommy Kelly, Jackie Moran, Victor Jory, Walter Brennan. One of the better screen adaptations of Mark Twain's works. Tommy Kelly is a perfect Tom Sawyer, but it's Victor Jory as the villainous Indian Joe who steals the show. Good sets and beautiful cinematography make this one work.

Short: *Paddington and the Cold Snap* (1977) Four tales adapted from *Paddington Marches On*, in which Paddington attempts to repair the plumbing in Mr. Curry's house with disastrous results; Paddington lends a helping paw and attempts to sweep the Browns' chimney clean; Paddington visits a wax museum; and Paddington is given a bon voyage party when he goes on vacation to darkest Peru.

February 9 — same time, same place

Rebecca (1940) Director: Alfred Hitchcock. With Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine, George Sanders, Nigel Bruce, Reginald Denny, Judith Anderson. *Rebecca* won an Oscar for best picture and nominations for Olivier and Fontaine. In this adaptation of Daphne du Maurier's popular novel, a shy American (Fontaine) is acting as a conceited woman's traveling companion in Europe. After a whirlwind courtship, she marries the brooding Max de Winter (Olivier). Her chances for happiness hinge on her ability to unlock the mystery of his dead first wife, Rebecca. Judith Anderson is the sinister housekeeper.

Short: *Paradise* (1985) Each evening, a simple blackbird from the neighboring forest watches the Divine Bird perform a ritual dance of illusion and transformation for his Emperor. The envious blackbird does not understand that the magical crystal palace where the Divine Bird dances is also its prison. The blackbird unsuccessfully attempts to impress the ruler but is instead caged outside the palace walls. A subtle retelling of the timeless moral fable of whether or not the grass is really greener on the other side of the fence.

(Information on feature-length movies taken from *Video Movie Guide 1989* by Mick Martin and Marsha Porter, published by Ballantine Books, New York.)

— Eileen Clawson

LAND TRUST NEWS

Vote with Your \$s to Support Local Agriculture

Gregory Watson, the Massachusetts Commissioner of Agriculture and a strong supporter of "local economy," appeared at Taft Farms on a miserable December afternoon to buy a "Farm Preserve Note Certificate" for \$9. This \$9 note will entitle him to \$10 worth of farm produce, flowers, plants, seedlings, or whatever else may catch his eye at Taft Farms or the Corn Crib come spring and summer of 1991.

Farm preserve notes are the bright idea of a group called SHARE—a self-help organization involved in fostering the local economy. Susan Witt, president of SHARE, asked our land trust to alert Monterey farmers of Watson's impending visit. Unfortunately, not many could be reached, and some couldn't make it, but Roger Tryon of Lowland Farm and Sue Sellev of Rawson Brook Farm were on hand to meet Greg Watson and learn about the farm certificate program.

As the ex-head of New Alchemy (a position he resigned to step into the shoes of Gus Schumacher, the former commissioner), Mr. Watson has a vast knowledge of the mechanics and philosophy of sustainable agriculture. "It's very important to do what we can to bolster local economies," Watson stated. "Farm notes are another step toward creating a self-sustainable local agriculture, and I hope the idea will spread." He pointed out that at present Massachusetts imports 88% of its food, although it has some of the best growing land in America.

Watson plans to visit our local farms in Monterey this spring, should he be retained as commissioner. We urge Governor-elect Weld to keep him on. "It makes sense," Watson said, "to preserve every square inch of our agricultural land and think about expanding it."

Farm notes are, actually, low-cost loans provided by local people to local people; a local banking system, if you will. The money raised helps see a farm through the traditionally lean winter months. "The Farm Preserve Note Program," Susan Witt says, "is not just about preserving farms, it's about preserving farmers."

There is no reason why the notes have to be limited to farms. Last year, for example, the notes were invaluable for the Deli in Great Barrington, which used them to facilitate its move. (We were personally introduced to the Deli through the notes

and have enjoyed many a delicious Deli sandwich these last months as our notes "came due.") I understand that the Monterey General Store is considering the possibility for early next year, and perhaps other Monterey businesses will want to take advantage of these inexpensive "self-regulated" loans as well.

Taft Farms and Corn Crib offer a nice bargain; ten \$10 certificates for \$85. Each farm hopes to sell \$10,000 worth of notes this year. The farm shares can be purchased at the Corn Crib and at Taft Farms.

— Joyce Scheffey

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met on December 5 to prepare eighteen cheer boxes. The Grange thanks all who helped and donated items.

Leo Melle from the State Membership and Community Service Committee was a guest. He presented Mary Wallace with a plaque.

The Grange donated cookies and finger foods to the Monterey Fire Company for their annual Christmas party.

The Grange's own Christmas party, planned for December 15, was cancelled due to bad weather. The next meeting will be held on January 16. Come and see if the predictions for 1990 came true.

— Mary Wallace, Lecturer

AFFORDABLE HOUSING STUDIED

The South Berkshire County Mobile Home Study Committee visited three mobile home parks in Berkshire County during the first quarter of the Campaign for Human Development grant. Claudette Callahan, Carol Purcell and Katherine Kendell visited and interviewed residents and owners of three mobile home parks: The Spruces and Pines Lodge, both in Williamstown, and Lake Onota Village in Pittsfield.

The consensus of the committee members is that a cooperative mobile home park would be the most affordable and beneficial to the South Berkshire area. Currently the committee is reviewing proposed property locations and consulting with housing development experts. In a cooperative mobile park, the owners of the mobile homes would also own a portion of the park. A board of directors would handle the management of the park and establish park rules.

For more information, contact Claudette Callahan at 528-9311.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH PROGRAM

We hope that everyone enjoyed the holidays. We have many people to thank for generous donations. Charlotte Rood of Monterey donated the lovely hand-crocheted teddy bears that were a big hit at the Christmas Party. Congregations of the First Congregational Church, Great Barrington, and Calvary Christian Church, Great Barrington, donated gifts for twenty area families. Girl Scout Troop 66, Monterey and New Marlborough, prepared a food basket for a family. The Sheffield Mothers Club donated cash as well as a food basket. Needless to say, we also thank the Watson Fund, K-Mart, Eagle Santa Fund and Community Services for all they did to make the holiday happier for many people. We also appreciate all the individual donations given by many others.

We have two new video tapes for our video lending library, a Christmas gift from Parent to Parent. "Baby's First Workout," a forty-minute tape, reviews the motor development of the first year, 0-12 months, and shows parents simple activities they can do with their children. "Parenting Preschoolers," a 58-minute tape, covers such topics as: sibling rivalry, temper tantrums, toy management, sleeping, meal time, public behavior, self-esteem, and feelings. We continue to seek a video to help parents with the art of toilet training. If you find any, let Claudette know (528-9311).

Please continue to use playgroups as much as possible. We plan a Winter Picnic at the Sheffield Playgroup on January 22 from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Our raffle raised \$240 for the playgroups. Thank you to all who contributed prizes and bought tickets. The winners were: Norma Oliviera, bear quilt; Karen Smith, large pillow; Matthew Tracy, small pillow; Susan Gegan, basket; Sheela Davis, *Kid's Kure for Kabin Fever*, Carol Bednarik, necklace and earring set; Joe Merola, CHP tote bag; Karen Smith, skeins of sheep's wool; Peg Tracy, Christmas bear toy.

— Claudette Callahan



CROSSED SIGNALS

If you have chronic problems with your telephone answering machine, it may not be the fault of your machine. That is the contention of John Piretti of Harmon Road. After troubles with various answering machines, John began to talk with folks around Monterey and realized that many others were experiencing the same thing. Either the machines were not working at all or, more commonly, they would hang up in mid-message no matter how long they had been programed to run.

John has been in contact with New England Telephone, and they are investigating the matter. Engineers for the phone company have conjectured that the signal could be getting interrupted, possibly there are voltage problems, or perhaps there is interference of some kind. To aid in the investigation, John would like to hear from people in Monterey who have had these problems with their telephone answering machines. Please contact John Piretti at 528-0977, evenings before 9:00 p.m., and if he's not in don't leave a message.



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COMMUNITY-SUPPORTED AGRICULTURE CONTINUED

Although Indian Line Farm will not be producing vegetables in 1991, Community-Supported Agriculture is still thriving in South Berkshire at Sunways Farm on Route 41 in Housatonic. The more than 175 families who are shareholders constitute Mahaiwe Harvest CSA, now beginning its sixth year.

A family purchasing a full vegetable share in the early spring will receive a share of the harvest, weekly during the growing season from May through October, and monthly from our large root cellar from November until March. Last year a full share cost \$340. That worked out to about 80¢ per pound for 400 pounds of delicious, unsprayed, locally grown, fresh vegetables over 43 weeks. Even if you have a big garden every summer, you may still want to purchase a winter share. The cost this past year was \$100, for a huge quantity of root vegetables distributed between November and March.

The 1990 literature about the project explained, "Mahaiwe Harvest CSA encourages its shareholders to take social and ecological responsibility for the food that nourishes them: social responsibility toward the gardeners who grow the food, and ecological responsibility toward the land that sustains our good health. In this sustainable agricultural project, shareholders support a truly innovative alternative to chemically based, industrial food production." Unlike farmers who may be wiped out financially by pests or bad weather, the growers at Mahaiwe Harvest are paid a salary by the shareholders. So the shareholders who share the harvest also share the risk. Each of the 175 families might sustain a 40% loss in their \$340 investment. For an individual farmer that same 40% loss might mean selling his land to developers, or at least going deep into debt. The CSA concept frees the farmer from the ferocious economic pressures that have wiped out so many farms. Sunways Farm itself is firmly rooted in the concept of an agricultural land trust.

I encourage Monterey residents to become shareholders. This is a vital time for Mahaiwe Harvest. We are growing from community garden to community farm. 1990 was the first year we offered lamb shares and egg shares. In 1991 we are introducing fruit shares. Whether you are interested in preserving the Berkshires as a food producing area or are just too busy to grow your own vegetables, Mahaiwe Harvest is for you. We now have weekly

deliveries to Lenox and Pittsfield. Why not a weekly delivery to Monterey? If you would like more information, please contact me at Box 343, Monterey, or call 528-4136.

— Mark Mendel

MID-EAST LECTURE

"Mid-East Perspectives" is the topic of a lecture and discussion to be held on Friday, January 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Monterey United Church of Christ. This timely topic will be addressed by the Reverend Harry Almond and Mrs. Beverly Almond, who have spent more than twenty years traveling in the Mid-East area and living for extended periods in such cities as Cairo, Bahrain, Basra and Beirut. Both are fluent in the Arabic language. Their work in Iraq includes seven years as acting head of a mission school for girls. Mr. Almond has recently finished writing a book, *Iraqi Statesman*, a biography of a former Iraqi foreign minister.

The Reverend Mr. Almond is a missionary of the Reformed Church in America, ordained to work on strengthening Muslim-Christian relations. At present he is serving as representative of the Reformed Church in the National Council of Churches' Office of Christians and Muslims. The Almonds live in Egremont, where both are active in community affairs.

The lecture is open to the public and everyone is welcome. An offering will be received to cover expenses and support the efforts toward understanding which can lead to a more peaceful world. For more information, call Mary Ward at 528-9243.

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CAROLS, CARDS AND COOKIES

The question was, *What are you giving for Christmas?* Many Monterey children answered that question in no uncertain terms on Wednesday afternoons last month.

After several weeks of preparation, the *Good News Gang* took their show out on the road for a Christmas-caroling tour of several important sites in central Monterey just before dusk on Wednesday, December 19.

More than twenty children participated in the first preparation day, December 5. Half of them baked Christmas cookies with Milly Walsh and Kathy Whitten. The other half made Christmas cards with MaryKate Jordan. On December 12, the teams switched tasks, so that everyone had a chance to be involved in both activities.

Both days included some tuning-up time, singing carols and deciding which ones to sing on the 19th. Although he was out of town for the caroling itself, Cliff Aerie brought his guitar to help start the singing at the December 5 meeting.

The first stop on their caroling tour was the Cravens' winter home. They moved on, sharing cards, cookies and carols with Walter at the Post Office, and with Maynard and the employees and shoppers at the General Store. Then they trooped back to the church basement to celebrate with cake and hot cider.

Enough cookies and cards were created to give away on Christmas itself, at the Christmas dinner sponsored by Milly Walsh.



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Students of piano teacher Katherine Reis performed in an hour-long recital at the Monterey United Church of Christ on Sunday, December 9. All the participants played solo pieces, and a number of them performed duets, either with a parent or with their teacher.

The age range of the students spanned several decades, with maximum and minimum ages undisclosed. One of the musicians, Elizabeth Torsay, performed *Indian Drums*, a piece she had composed.

In order of appearance, the students performing in the recital were: Amy Vincent, Nicholas Halley, Sudi Baker (accompanied by her mother, Bonner McAllester, on one piece), Roger Tryon, Gabriel Schulze, Mark Dukas, Alison Vincent, Sarah DeGiorgis, Elizabeth Torsay, Joseph Vilane, R. A. Vilane, Julia Gallagher, Arianna Aerie, Samantha Halley, Elizabeth Hoogs, Vanessa Halley (whose father, Paul Halley, joined her on one piece), Guy Poulin, Rebecca Hoogs and Jessica Dukas.



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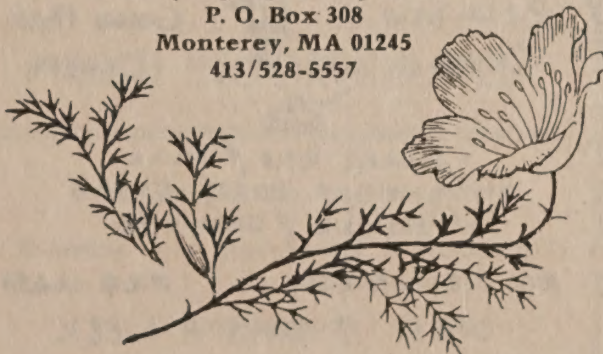
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FRIENDS HELP OUT AFTER FIRE

In the early morning hours of November 27, the Lake Buel home of Monterey Selectman Matt Williams caught fire. Fortunately, there were no injuries, but the house and all its contents were destroyed.

We've all seen commercials in which an insurance agent immediately appears at the scene of a disaster, check in hand. In real life, things don't happen that way, so Matt's friends have started a fund

to help him buy clothing and household necessities and generally tide him over until the insurance money comes through.


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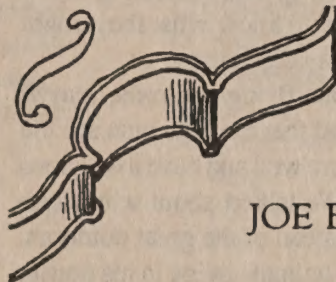
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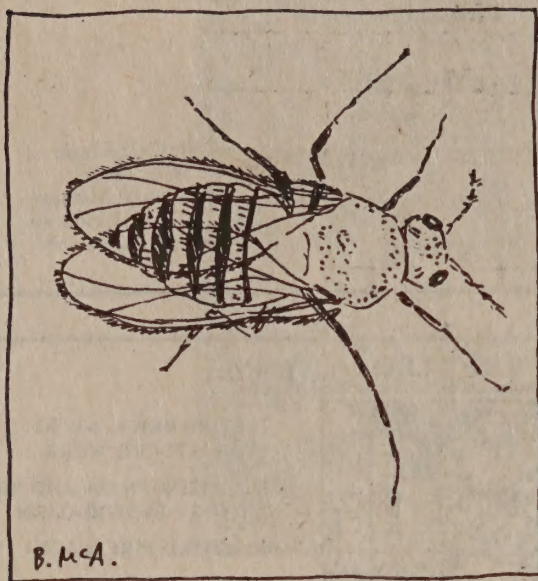
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CREATURES STIRRING, ALL THROUGH THE HOUSE



Drosophila melanogaster, or *Fruit fly*

Yesterday I had a phone call from a man here in Monterey who has creatures in his house. They have been leaving little round nuts of some kind in the drawers and under the couch cushions, and generally making themselves mysterious. He wanted to know what they might be and if they were in any way dangerous.

I told him he probably has flying squirrels, maybe also mice and chipmunks, and that the little nuts are the pits of wild cherries. They store well and have a delicious almond-like kernel inside. We talked about why these creatures live in his house instead of the great outdoors. This man wasn't opposed to animals living in his house, just amazed to find that they do.

In fact, there are all sorts of wild creatures staying in our homes with us, and this is the time of year when we are particularly aware of them, since we are spending more time indoors ourselves. Here in our kitchen we have, for example, a spider whose territory includes the ceiling and hanging light fixture over the table. Every morning there is some new rigging of web glinting over our breakfast. Often the new web involves the African violet, a candlestick or two, and Cora's Indian Ladies. (These are our daughter's mealtime pals, carved musician women from India. They stand in a row on the windowsill, holding their instruments, watching implacably while Cora dawdles over her oatmeal.)

One year, before we had Cora or the Indian Ladies, we had a marigold in a pot. It had started out as a cut flower, the last from the garden before the first frost. Then it

developed roots, so we stuck it in a pot with dirt and it bloomed on and on into winter. We kept it on the windowsill and one day we noticed something sticky spattered on the glass behind the plant. This turned out to be plant sugar, "honey-dew", processed by aphids and squirted out onto the window. Pretty soon the sweet stuff was discovered by one of our household wasps, a mud-dauber who had dropped down through the unfinished ceiling upstairs and found its way into the kitchen.

We used to see that wasp every day, when the sun warmed the windowsill and the aphids got busy sucking marigold juice and squirting sugar onto the glass. It was a regular nature show, as good as any on T.V., and we always enjoyed it. One time a visitor nearly did in our wasp, but we were able to stop him in time. Later that day this same visitor spotted a mosquito in our house. "Hello," he said sweetly. "And what's *your* name?"

We still get a few winter mosquitoes, but the new thing for us this year is fruit flies. We've had them now and then, usually in the summer, but for some reason there is a sizeable population in the house this winter. It is true that we eat a lot of fruit, and the peelings sit around some, as part of our elaborate sorting and composting system. (We separate our fruit and vegetable scraps: some for goats, some for chickens, some even for cats.)

Most people who have studied genetics in high school biology know the fruit fly. It is small and a little dumpy, not delicate, about 1/16 inch long. In genetics it is famous for its short life-cycle (10 days per generation), small chromosome number (4N) and "giant" chromosomes in its salivary glands. Its various mutant types can be recognized easily: white eyes, bar eyes, smooth eyes, vermilion eyes, sable body, grey body, dumpy wings, vestigial wings. It is by far the best animal for genetics studies.

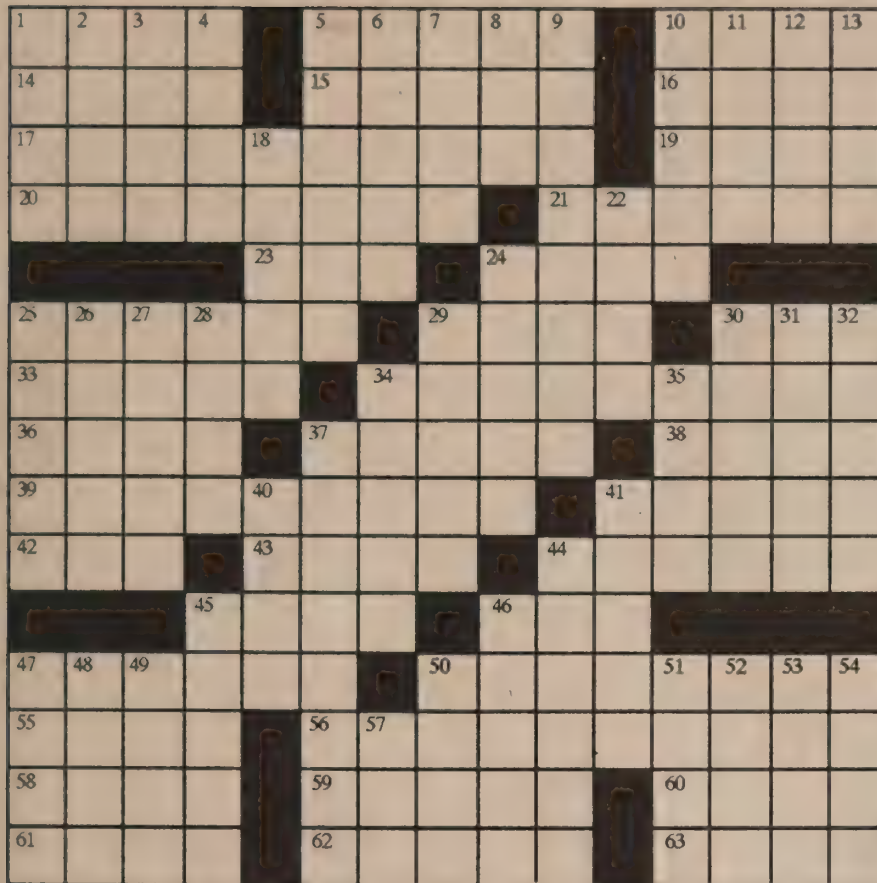
If you think back to those days of anesthetizing and counting and sorting fruit flies in high school biology, you may remember there was one type known as the Wild Type. These are the ones with red eyes, and they are the ones we have in our house right now. They love fermenting fruit juices--one of their common names is "vinegar fly". Excise men were once trained to recognize the red-eyed fruit fly and to follow it to sniff out illegal wine-making establishments.

We haven't named our fruit flies; there are too many for that and they all look alike. But we don't trap or spray or smack them, either. Around here that sort of work gets done by spiders. I guess if the red-eyed swarm gets too thick indoors we can be a little speedier about taking the peelings out to the chicken house--and hope the chickens don't get busted by the excise men.

— Bonner J. McAllester

SOMETHING FISHY

By Ted Tchack



ACROSS

- 1 Possess
- 5 On high
- 10 Comparative word
- 14 Soviet range
- 15 Kind of bear
- 16 Western city
- 17 MUSICAL FISH
- 19 Yalies
- 20 Cheap passage
- 21 Pass by
- 23 Unrefined metal
- 24 Coagulate
- 25 Rough
- 29 Nerd of old
- 30 Timed Wire Svce.

- 33 ____Angels
- 34 USURIOUS FISH
- 36 Parisian friend
- 37 From then
- 38 Parisian mine
- 39 MOUNTAIN OF FISH
- 41 Entirely
- 42 Holy woman (abbr.)
- 43 Bill of fare
- 44 Kind of brush man
- 45 Oceans
- 46 Brew
- 47 Purse
- 50 DEPRESSED FISH
- 55 Medicinal plant

- 56 Disqualified
- 58 Concerning
- 59 Observed
- 60 Fashion name
- 61 Carry on
- 62 Growls
- 63 Italian family

DOWN

- 1 Centers
- 2 Smell ____
- 3 Urn
- 4 Other
- 5 Hive
- 6 Dwell
- 7 Word after Ye
- 8 English river
- 9 Altitude designation
- 10 Handle
- 11 Assistance

- 12 Blackbirds
- 13 Facial feature
- 18 Amphibians
- 22 Cuts off
- 24 Dangerous drug
- 25 Fellows
- 26 Pay
- 27 Similar
- 28 Joy
- 29 River of Deutschland
- 30 Dravidian
- 31 Penned
- 32 Winter athlete
- 34 Mortgages
- 35 Tow
- 37 Impaling
- 40 Fictional captain
- 41 Fictional captain

- 44 Liquids
- 45 Trapshooting
- 46 To go in Bordeaux
- 47 Duo
- 48 Arm bone
- 49 Foot ailment
- 50 Kind of wave
- 51 Bona ____
- 52 Wading bird
- 53 Opening
- 54 Present
- 57 Negative prefix

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WIGWAM ON MONCHAUP (MOUNT HOPE)

*Empty shell, form without comfort in its thicket of
bayberries:*

*Heavy bark, mildewed cracks, not even a parody of
a home.*

*Massasoit's hilltop, bought, view and all, by a
collector millionaire,*

*And in the rest of the museum, exquisite quillwork
and a birchbark*

*Kayak, perhaps the last ever to be made, dredged
from the memory*

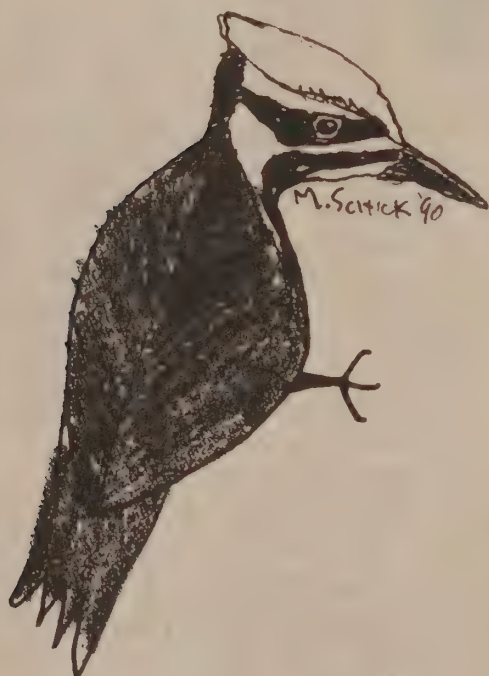
*Of the oldest craftsmen in the far north for scientist
strangers.*

*They tried it out, then brought it back never again
to be used,*

*Pièce de résistance among the beautiful, lifeless
curios inside*

*And, outside, the sad, silent wigwam, a hollow place
without a voice.*

— David P. McAllester



HAIKU

*The soaring freedom
Of the eagle, like the bard's,
Is with-out hunger.*

— Ann M. LaVallee



THE CARPENTER

*The Carpenter was a patient man, and kind;
His knotted hands were deft to mend a toy,
Or find a child's hurt out and give it ease;
Slow of speech, but he could always find
The word to set a troubled house at peace;
Day after quiet day he taught the Boy
The use of adze and plane; the holy joy
That sand from fine-crafted wood—
Because to all the Carpenter's work was good
He helped the Boy to learn the worth of truth;
To the hurt, the maimed, he showed a gentle ruth
And when the painful years had done their part,
A Man judged a Father's love by the Carpenter's
heart.*

— Dorothy E. Law

—Eleanor Kimberley

— Stefan Brecht

— Sue Moody

COMMERCIAL TALE

*I wandered once the commercial halls of life,
dodged down the dollar-dredging days, light
gone dimmer, brushing obscure walls, even so
observed a small scene or two which will remain
burned in mind until at my end it gutters out.*

*No night skies, star-sprinkled, lifting the heart
as I supposed, nor blushing dawns soothing
the heart as I supposed, nor far views exalting
the heart could I have described, for corridors
in the commercial quest none could I have known,
but rumors only: but I might have told instead
of tight-squeezed hearts, ulcers, merchants' thrust
and counter-stroke, of the slow or sudden crumbling
of vaunting balance sheets, and of the ruddy rat,
Despair, that suckles at the guts of ten million
happy businessmen.*

*Now upon a time there really
was, and I saw him,
rosy in the morning light, a fat merchant of the
Northeast.*

*He attended to philanthropies, then to tough affairs,
then turned to me and grinned: I have that SUCKER
by the short hairs.*

*Ensnared by life and its co-
incidences, I met his very SUCKER, as he,
Southwest manufacturer, lean and grim, was
returning
from greatly killing deer. Y'all know that Northeast
businessman, he drawls. He's my PATSY and I got
him by the balls.*

*And if this sour tale has left any
who has borne with me stomach at all,
with clanging voice sing with me my burden.*

Together all:

*Dante, Dante, in thy sweet hate
Why neglectedst thou thy duty—
For where-o burneth that circle
In Hell where ONE grippeth ONE
By the short hairs, as HE
Clutcheth HIM by the balls*

— Jim Michelman



WHO'S WHO IN MONTEREY

Eleanor Hart Kimberley



On Blue Hill Road, west of the Beartown State Forest headquarters, is a big farm now the property of the Bradley Family. Starting in the early 1900's, it was owned and operated by Noel and Hattie Spencer Hart. Their twin daughters, Eleanor and Ethel, were born and grew up there, participating in milking, haying, feeding livestock, and the thousand other jobs on a busy, independent farm. Eleanor remembers her girlhood there with pure delight: "I loved every minute of it. My grandmother said I should have been a boy. The only thing Dad wouldn't let me do was plow."

Early in life she developed the observant eye for which the readers of the *Monterey News* know her. "I was writing poems about everything, even then." On the twins' twelfth birthday, their father gave them a Kodak No. 2 Folding Brownie Autographic camera, "the kind where you can make notes right on the film." This gift set fire to another facet of Eleanor's creativity. She is a prize-winning photographer to this day.

After graduating from the Corashire School, she did housework around the region, but mostly right at home. "I always went back to the home farm I loved." She married Claude Kimberley in 1934 and they remodeled

a schoolhouse, where they made their home across from the Kimberley homestead in Sandisfield. They had two sons, Robert (1939) and Ronald (1941). Along with raising a family and helping on the farm, Eleanor's many interests included breeding rabbits and the Monterey Grange. She exhibited her pictures at fairs in Great Barrington, Blandford, and Sheffield and at the Westenhook Gallery and the Forest Edge Handcraft Shop in Monterey.

When her boys were in school, Eleanor realized a long-held ambition to do photography at the professional level. She got a job in Marie Tassone's studio in Great Barrington and learned those extra touches of finishing that raise skill to the level of art. She and Marie were among the founders of the Great Barrington Camera Club in 1949 and her work began to appear in the club's shows around the county.

Now with camera-enthusiast friends, there were field trips to places of special photographic interest such as Bartholomew's Cobble, Campbell Falls, Stanley Park in Westfield and Forest Park in Springfield. A high point for the club was the annual picnic at member Helen Shaw's cottage on Lake Garfield. Exhibits at the Great Barrington Savings Bank became monthly shows because of their popularity.

South Berkshire offers other opportunities for showing photographic work, such as the Berkshire Museum and the Monterey Arts Festival, but Eleanor's principal outlet has been the annual Grange contests, both State and National. Her professional and artistic interests have led her into many genres. Her "Golden Age", a portrait of a serene woman in her 90s reading a Bible, has won a first in the Massachusetts Grange and a "best of show" in the National. Going right on up, she has four acceptances in the highly competitive International Color Slide Salons.

Another phase of Eleanor's career has been as an environmentalist. Montereyans are well acquainted with the Grange exhibits, arranged by Eleanor and others at the Post Office. Photographs and natural objects are combined in educational collages on the theme of conservation and respect for the natural world. Her news story on the River Road salmon hatchery, her poems, and her photographs of farm and wild life in the *Monterey News* have all carried the same message.

As she has become increasingly well known for her pictures, Eleanor hears of good subjects not only from her friends and family but also from people she has not even known before. Two of her granddaughters, riding horseback in Tyringham, spotted a fox den, and one of them, Lori Kimberley, went back with Eleanor. They spent two or three hours photographing every mood of the captivating cubs, from extreme suspicion to yawns

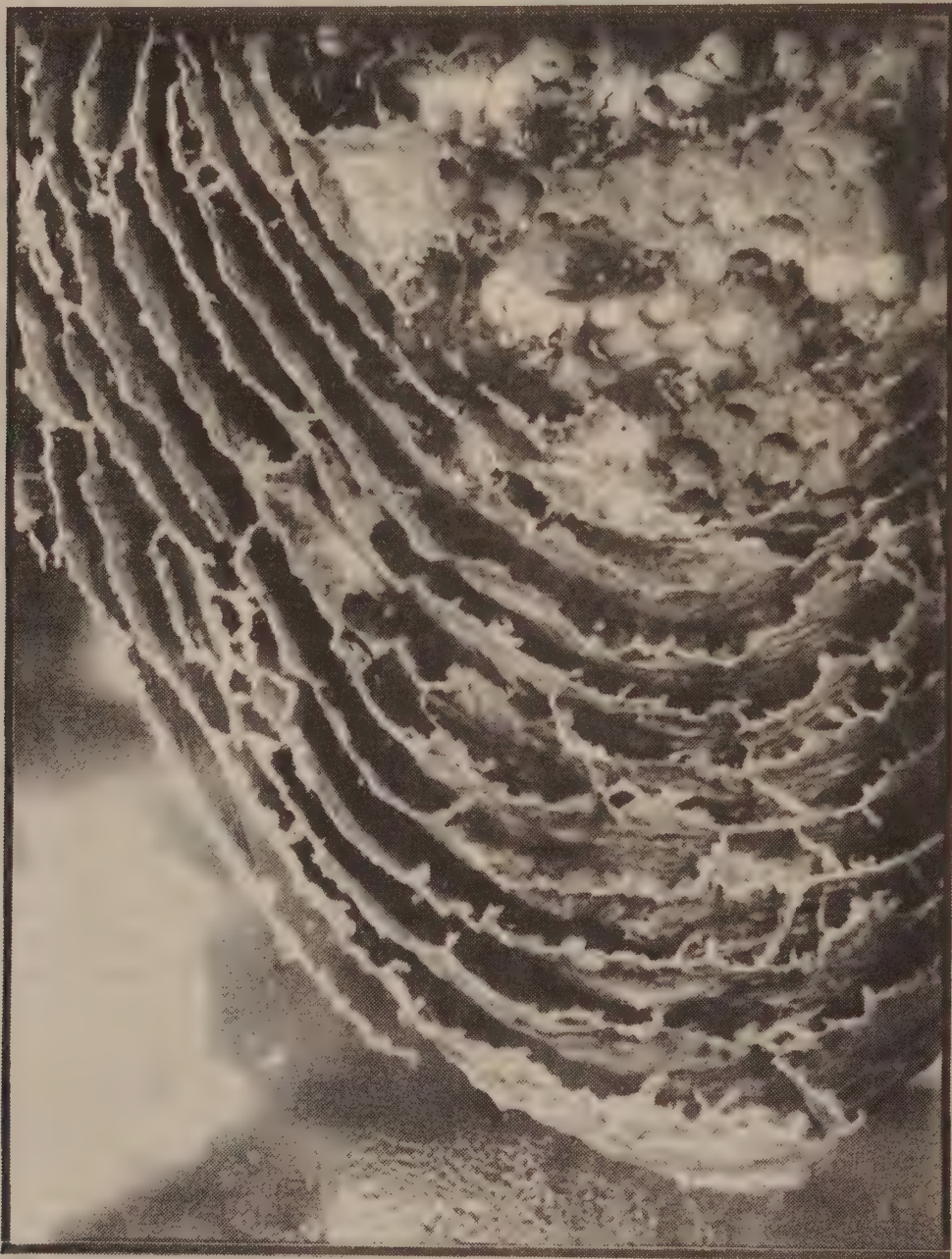
and sound slumber. Another alert brought Eleanor to Middlefield, where an unusually tame fawn and its mother proved cooperative, irresistible subjects.

The Great Barrington Camera Club recently ended its forty years of film collegiality, and now Eleanor belongs to a "collective" of eleven women called "Click Chicks East". The members, from Massachusetts and Connecticut, meet and organize field trips and workshops. They are formally institutionalized to the extent that they have designed their own T-shirt.

It was not far from the Hart to the Kimberley farm, but Eleanor has traveled far indeed to include recognition as a photographer on the international scale along with her

deep local interests. Her shelves are piled high with big folders and envelopes containing exhibition-quality enlargements of her photographs. "My prize money pays for the enlargements," she says. There are boxes of ribbons won in competitions and many more ribbons and citations, including recognition for her poetry, preserved in an armload of sturdy albums. Family, friends, pets, flowers, landscapes and wildlife look out of their photographic windows. They are Eleanor's extended family and, in a way, so are all who see her pictures.

— David P. McAllester





Eleanor's photograph of her husband Claude, titled "Two Old-Timers," won a prize at last summer's New England Camera Club Council's annual conference.

◀ *Eleanor captured this scene of the secret life of a hornet colony when the insects obligingly built their nest on a window.*

ANSWERS TO CROSSWORD PUZZLE

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VELVA LEWIS SABIN

Velva L. Sabin, 93, died October 31 in Houston, Texas.

She was born in Exeter, Nebraska, on November 15, 1896, the daughter of Bert and Hattie Lewis, and attended school in Nebraska. She graduated from the University of Nebraska and taught school in Newcastle, Wyoming.

While living in Wyoming, she married fellow teacher Don Sabin. After her husband became Food Conservation Director for UNICEF, the Sabins lived in Washington, D. C.; New York City; Warsaw, Poland; Paris, France; Tehran, Iran; Boston; Phoenix; and Houston. In 1952, they bought a house on Bidwell Road in Monterey to serve as a home base and family gathering place.

Mrs. Sabin was active in the Unitarian Women's Federation and the American Association of University Women, serving as that organization's representative at the United Nations. She was also a co-founder of the Unitarian-Universalist United Nations office.

She leaves her husband of 64 years, Don Sabin; two daughters, Shirley Quisenberry of Monterey and Houston and Ellen Tadken of Ridgefield, Connecticut; a sister, Helen Lewis of Phoenix; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

ARNOLD R. SMITH

Arnold R. Smith, 67, died December 1 in Houston, Texas.

He was born in Monterey in April, 1924, the son of Russell and Ruby Smith. Russell Smith was a general contractor in partnership with Perry Fargo, doing business as Smith & Fargo. A number of houses built by the company still exist in Monterey. The family moved to Maine following a house fire.

Mr. Smith was for many years the president of Ben. G. McGuire Company in Houston. He was a member of the First Congregational Church and was active in church and community outreach programs.

He leaves his wife, Frances V. Smith; three sons, Jeffrey V. Smith of Houston, Douglas B. Smith of Beverly, Massachusetts, and Steven B. Smith of Barnard, Vermont; two brothers, Nate Smith and Bruce Smith, both of East Stoneham, Maine; and five grandchildren.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

At its November 8 meeting, the Planning Board discussed the proliferation of signs in town and agreed that the present signs bylaw needs to be updated. The Board is working on a new bylaw proposal.

Joe Baker, chairman of the Planning Board, has instituted a coordinated effort to solicit your involvement during the formative stages. All the discussions have been preliminary so far. No conclusions, agreements or disagreements have been reached. For those of you who have any ideas on what you would like to be included in, or excluded from, this new bylaw, we invite you to speak up and be heard.

It's clear to me that a new bylaw should:

- 1) support the business people in town and help to promote their businesses.
- 2) be written in easily understood language.
- 3) satisfy the general esthetic tastes of the people.
- 4) be enforceable.
- 5) be felt to be reasonable, even to those who vote against it.

Here are some preliminary ideas that have been expressed by and to the Board.

1) A number of categories will be required. The simple one of "Business Signs" or "Signs" is not sufficient.

2) Some possible categories are: real estate; all business except real estate; temporary signs for weddings, parties, garage sales and such; and contractors' signs displayed at works in progress.

3) Other thoughts: directional signs vs. those at places of business; signs within the business district vs. other districts; pictorial and image signs vs. words only; size expressed in length and girth (a la UPS) vs. square footage; standardization of colors; proximity to road bed.

I and the other Board members have made this project a priority and welcome your comments. Feel free to call me (528-5154) or any other member. Write, or just speak up. Attend a meeting. Regular meetings are held at the Town Hall on the second Thursday of the month, starting at 8:00 p.m. A special meeting dedicated to this topic will be held on Thursday, January 24, at 8:00 p.m. I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

— Elk Dellenbaugh-Dempsey

To the Editor:

I would like to compliment Joel Schick for his eloquent letter concerning Mr. Ogden's berm. Indeed, only a spiritual vulgarian would deprive a whole community of a view which gave us all not only a sense of serenity but also a setting of a truly authentic New England landscape.

Living in a chaotic world we feel doubly offended.

— Fred Lancome



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PERSONAL NOTES

Hats off to **Vincent Scutellaro**, who will be spending two weeks in February in Tijuana Mexico as a contractor supervisor for Habitat for Humanity, the affordable housing project. Vincent, aka Happy Home Carpentry, of Mt. Hunger Road, finds this a very worthwhile cause and feels a duty to contribute. We applaud him for giving of his time, energy and talent. Right on, Vincent!

Our congratulations to these Monterey students in grades 7 through 12 who were named to the first quarter honor roll at Mt. Everett Regional School. They are, in *Grade 12, Honors: William Thieriot; Grade 10, High Honors: Marta Makuc, and Honors: Chris Burkhardt; Grade 9, High Honors: Erin and Meghan Sadlowski, and Honors: Rachel Rodgers; Grade 8, High Honors: Erin Piretti, and Honors: Jason Farrenkopf and Paul Makuc; and Grade 7, High Honors: Vanessa Halley and Honors: Renee Zantay*. And at Berkshire Country Day School, ninth grader **Micole Raab** made *Honors*, and seventh grader **Morgan Schick** made *High Honors*. It's great to see so many Monterey names on the list. Keep up the good work, all of you!

Very Happy Birthday wishes to **Ed Brosseau** — 87 years young! on November 5, to **Mike Mielke, Jr.** on December 8, to **Elk Dempsey** on December 28, to **Cindy Hebert** on January 10, to **Jim Deloy** on January 11, to **Julian Mendel** on January 13, to **Bridget Mendel** on January 15, to **Jareka Dempsey** on January 16, to **Gabe Small** on January 24, and to **Eric Craven** on January 25. And Happy Anniversary to **Rod and Jeri Palmer** on January 23.

Wishing all of you a joyous New Year with lots of good news to report. Please jot down your items and mail them to me, just Route 23, or drop them at the General Store. Or, give me a call at 528-4519. Thanks so much for your contributions!

— Stephanie Grotz



CALENDAR

Tuesday, January 8—Prayer breakfast at the home of Alice Howell. 7:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 9—Community Dinner. 6:30 p.m. in the church basement.

Thursday, January 10—Community Land Trust of Great Barrington annual meeting. 7:30 p.m. at St. James' Church, Main Street, Great Barrington. The guest speaker will be Gregory Watson, Massachusetts Commissioner of Agriculture.

Friday, January 11—"Mid-East Perspectives," lecture and discussion featuring the Rev. Harry Almond and Mrs. Beverly Almond. 7:30 p.m. at the church.

Saturday, January 12—Selectmen's Twelfth-Night Party for Children, with donuts, cookies, cocoa, cider. 5:00 p.m. at the Town Hall. Christmas Tree Bonfire, 6:00 p.m. at Greene Park. Drop off trees between 4:00 and 6:00 p.m.

Saturday, January 12—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style, at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30-11:30 p.m. This program is open to anyone. Beginners and children welcome. All dances taught by caller Joe Baker, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Adults, \$4; children \$1 to dance until intermission. Information: (413) 528-9385.



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Thursday, January 17—Friends of Silence meditation at the home of Alice Howell. 7:30 a.m.

Thursday, January 17—Southern Berkshire Regional School District School Committee meeting. 7:30 p.m. at the Monterey School.

Saturday, January 19—Film Series, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, 7:30 p.m. in the library basement. Admission free.

Thursday, January 24—Public meeting sponsored by the Planning Board to discuss a possible by-law regulating signs in Monterey. 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Saturday, January 26—Film Series, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*. 7:30 p.m. in the library basement. Admission free.

Saturday, January 26—Square and Contra Dance, New England-style at the Sheffield Grange, Route 7, Sheffield, Mass. 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. This program is for people who have done it before. Joe Baker calling, music by Mountain Laurel. Refreshments served. Admission \$4. Information: 528-9385.

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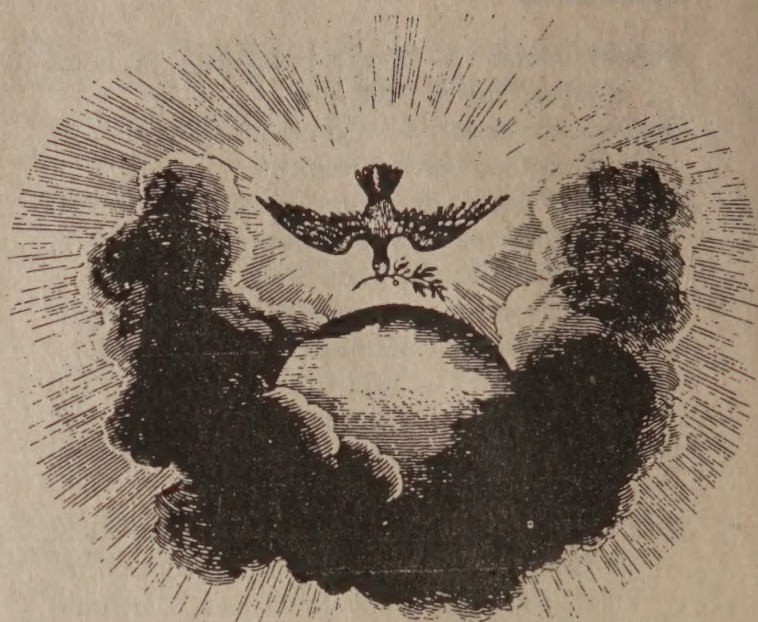
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